1995 by the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for regularisation of encorachment of forest land falling under CHR, and to assign the land under the Kerala Land Assignment (Regularisation of Occupations of Forest Lands prior to 01.01.1977) Special Rules, 1993 subject to certain conditions. The State Government is required to furnish monthly reports to the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, giving the progress of forest land so assigned. An application was filed before the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) by 'One Earth One Life', a Non-Government Organisation, regarding illegal grant of leases and encroachment in CHR area. The CEC has filed its report before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and the matter is sub-judice.

Cleaning of Yamuna

3403. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister for ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has recently lashed out at Delhi Government for not cleansing Yamuna, if so, what are the details in this regard;

(b) what action Government have since taken to clean and improve the surroundings of Yamuna;

(c) whether there is any representation to allow use of any space near Yamuna for housing or other construction activity; and

(d) whether Government have drawn any lesson from the Mumbai flood following use of land near Mithi River for construction activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAYAN MEENA): (a) and (b) Hon'ble Supreme Court on 7th September, 2005 in the matter of PIL No. 724/1994 has issued directions for taking up the pollution abatement works in Yamuna in a time bound manner and that the progress in this regard be reviewed periodically by the Government of NCT of Delhi and in addition by an Apex Committee under the Hon'ble Court. In this context, the Delhi Jal Board has separately decided to appoint international consultants for a comprehensive study to find out a complete solution for pollution abatement in the river Yamuna at Delhi.

The matter was further heard on 12th December, 2005, when the Court made strong observations in the context of its earlier orders regarding timely submission of affidavits and status report of periodical reviews. The court also directed the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Chief Executive Officer, Delhi Jal Board to file their affidavits within 10 days and ensure their personal presence on the next date of hearing.

(c) Proposals for taking up various developmental activities in the flood plains of river Yamuna are received in Central Water Commission (CWC) for consideration by Yamuna Standing Committee (YSC) set up under the Chairmanship of Member, River Management, CWC. Since reclamation of the land in the flood plains of the river affect the river regime and result in raise in High Flood Level, proposals for construction of public utility structures in the flood plains are received in CWC for clearance from time to time. The proposals which may not cause significant adverse affects in the river regime and the flood levels are cleared by the YSC.

(d) According to the Central Water Commission, the main reason for recent flood in Mumbai was unprecedently high rain fall over a short period. The encroachment in the flood plains of Mithi River are reported to have accentuated the problem.

Pollution Spreading Industrial Units

†3404. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industries that were found to be guilty by the Pollution Control Committees of the State Pollution Control Boards in their review during last three years, State-wise;

(b) the names of these industries and action taken against them, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Central Government is not being informed by the State Governments about it; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.